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REMARKS

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1. Between 3 and 10 January 1951, the Bismarck Kaserne on "eissen-felserstrasse, Hamburg (N 52/J 89), was occupied by 400 to 500 troops. [REDACTED] the installation quartered a signal unit, or which about 30 men were stationed in the so-called headquarters building, about 100 men in the first barracks building east of the guardhouse, and about 60 men in the second building east of the guardhouse. The third building quartered both troops wearing black epaulets and troops wearing red-bordered, black epaulets. The headquarters building also housed a central telephone exchange. [REDACTED] all motor vehicles [REDACTED] belonged to the signal unit.

Truck [REDACTED] was seen occupied by soldiers wearing black epaulets. (1) In addition the installation quartered an artillery unit, presumably an AAA unit. The soldiers observed there wore red-bordered, black epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] was seen in the billeting area and at the AA gun emplacement at the Bluscher Kaserne on Flemmingerweg. Truck [REDACTED] transported soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

2. The Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburgerstrasse, quartered an estimated 400 troops of both headquarters and a driving school unit. The headquarters was located in the first dwelling block in the rear of the guardhouse. Many officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were observed there. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] belonged to the headquarters. Headquarters personnel who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were quartered in buildings behind the headquarters building. The driving school conducted driving courses lasting six to seven weeks with about 200 driver-students attending each course. Soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets, and black epaulets were observed at the driving school. Driving school vehicles each occupied by three or four soldiers

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3. The Hubertus Kaserne on the north side of Flemmingerweg seemed to be occupied to capacity by 1,200 to 1,500 men, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [ ] the units in the installation as an artillery unit, [ ] 25X1  
 "with guns of about 120 to 150 mm; a mortar unit with heavy mortars up to 160 mm; and a reconnaissance unit. [ ]  
 two armored scout cars of the reconnaissance unit parked in a garage. About 30 soldiers received instruction on AA guns of 20 to 30 mm. Soldiers observed at the first billeting block west of the guardhouse wore black epaulets and were referred to [ ] as engineers. The unit was said to have been trained in Bad Nauheim. About 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in infantry training. [ ] 25X1  
 a motorized rifle unit was stationed in the Hubertus Kaserne. [ ] 25X1  
 The eastern section of the garages allegedly sheltered motor vehicles of units in the Bluecher Kaserne. Special sentries in front of the garages wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [ ] were seen in the billeting area. [ ] 25X1
4. The Bluecher Kaserne on the south side of Flemmingerweg quartered about 1,000 troops, most of whom wore black-bordered red epaulets. Some of the troops there wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. About half of the troops were recruits. [ ] the installation quartered at least [ ] 25X1  
 [ ] three regiments of a division were stationed in both military posts, with two regiments in Laubburg and one in Eissenfels. The garages of the Bluecher Kaserne were occupied to capacity by trucks. Numerous trucks were parked between the garages. [ ] 25X1
6. The Barbara Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse was occupied by 200 to 250 troops wearing black epaulets, some with signal insignia. Previously motor vehicles [ ] including radio trucks, were observed. Soldiers wearing black epaulets were seen repairing ten trucks from 5 to 10 January. Truck [ ] was seen at the barracks. (1) [ ] 25X1
7. The Maschinengewehr Kaserne on Nordstrasse seemed to be occupied to capacity by about 100 troops, apparently recruits, wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Some troops observed at basic training wore red-bordered black epaulets. [ ] 25X1
8. Officers observed at the Oberlandesgericht (superior provincial court) building at the cathedral included officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and some wearing black-bordered red epaulets, blue-bordered black epaulets, and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. [ ] at most, 60 to 80 officers and [ ] were quartered in the Oberlandesgericht building, which did not seem to be occupied to capacity. A sentry in front of the building wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [ ] were observed in the motor vehicle parking lot. [ ] 25X1
9. Between 1 and 8 January 1951 the barracks installation on the north side of Flemmingerweg consisted of five four-story and five three-story buildings and motor vehicle garages with a capacity of about [ ] 25X1

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2,000 troops. The installation seemed to be occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The majority of these troops wore artillery insignia. About two-thirds of the troops were recruits. On 3 January, two canvas-covered AT guns of about 75 mm were seen. A field howitzer of about 105 mm, on split-trail gun carriage, was parked between the garages. Four SP guns were seen in the garages situated parallel to the road, on 5 January. There was no vehicular traffic. [redacted]

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10. The barracks installation on the south side of Flemmingerweg was occupied by an estimated occupation of 1,000 to 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Soldiers observed had closely-cropped hair.

11. An AAA battery with four guns, resembling the German 88-mm guns, was located about 200 meters southwest of the barracks installation on the south side of Flemmingerweg. A range-finder covered with a tarpaulin and a radio set with an antenna about 50 cm high were observed at the gun emplacement. Numerous soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at a tent set up next to the battery. Five trucks [redacted]

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were parked next to the emplacement. A telephone line led from the emplacement to the barracks installation on the south side of Flemmingerweg. [redacted]

12. The Hindenburg Kaserne, opposite the former ration supply depot on Schoenburgerstrasse, seemed to be more heavily occupied than was previously observed. The barracks buildings opposite the Bolle chocolate factory were occupied to capacity. However, the fourth floor of the buildings situated parallel to the railroad line was still vacant. A total of 500 to 1,000 troops were stationed in the installation. Soldiers observed wore red epaulets and many had war decorations. No training activity was observed. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in the billeting area. [redacted]

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13. The Bismarck Kaserne on Weissensee Strasse, bordering on Hindenburg Kaserne, quartered an engineer unit, the personnel of which wore black epaulets and another troop unit whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. Each of these units numbered 700 to 900 men. About 10 soldiers were engaged in training with two guns, apparently AA guns, on 2 January. Gate guards wore black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Trucks [redacted] were observed in the billeting area. [redacted]

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14. The Neue Jaeger Kaserne on Nordstrasse near the main railroad station was occupied to capacity by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Most of the soldiers wore war decorations. [redacted]

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Comments. [redacted]

- (1) According to the motor vehicle [redacted] reported, the barracks buildings have probably quartered the 27th Gds Sig Bn of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps since the fall of 1950. The battalion was stationed in the Barbara Kaserne. [redacted]

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series has appeared in connection with AA guns and artillery pieces in the Eighth Gds Army Area, predominantly in military posts of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. It is the first time that the [redacted] were mentioned in connection with troops wearing black epaulets, a signal or engineer unit.

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- (2) Until its departure for troop training grounds in the spring of 1950, an AAA unit with the motor vehicle [redacted]

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[redacted] had been constantly identified in the Bismarck Kaserne, Naumburg. The series has also been identified in Zeitz. Its assignment has not yet been determined.

- (3) Elements of the Hc 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are believed to be in the Hindenburg Kaserne. Motor vehicles assigned to the headquarters

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[redacted] A driving school was reported in November 1950. It is possibly assigned directly to the division. However, the occupation as stated [redacted] of the present report appears to be rather vague. The installation has 25X1 a capacity of approximately 1,500 troops. It was continuously occupied by between 1,000 and 1,200 troops until the spring of 1950 [redacted] the total at approximately 25X1

800 to 1,000 men in mid-December 1950. [redacted] The second source of present report conservatively estimates 500 to 1,000 troops. Therefore, it appears likely that still another unit is located there in addition to the division headquarters and the driving school.

- (4) The 170th and 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regts, and possibly the 655th How Arty Regt, all of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are believed to be station in the barracks installations on both sides of Flemmingerweg. Since the 174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt is definitely believed to be located in Eissenfels, the conclusions drawn [redacted] the present report on the basis of motor vehicle [redacted] in 25X1 the two military posts would largely be correct.

- (5) [redacted] the signal battalion of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, i.e., the 89th Gds Sig Bn, was in the Maschinengewehr Kaserne in the spring of 1950, which would also be indicated by the black-bordered black epaulets [redacted] source of the present report. However, another [redacted]

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[redacted] reported between 350 and 400 troops with tank insignia in December 1950 which was [redacted] of pre- 25X1 sent report.

- (6) It is believed that at least elements of the Hc XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps are still located there.

- (7) An engineer unit was also reported there in the winter of 1949/1950. [redacted] also reported an engineer unit with pontoons in December 1950. [redacted] The 700 to 900 men with red-bordered black epaulets, [redacted] are believed to belong to the AAA unit with vehicles [redacted]

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- (8) The troop strengths [redacted] at the various installations agree more with data supplied [redacted] in the winter of 1949/1950 than with the total strengths reported [redacted] of present report which appear to be somewhat too low.

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